lservant from occupying any place of importance or usefulness in social or communal societies or samajams may be graciously withdrawn or cancelled.

Sir, as matters now stand it is very difficult for any Government officer to take any responsible place in these samajams or societies. Unless there is the guidance and advice of these educated people it will not be possible to organize any societies properly. I request the Government will be pleased to withdraw this circular.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezuthassan.—I second it.

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—Sir, it is not possible to cancel or withdraw the circular wholesale. Exemptions may be given in deserving cases. The matter was fully gone into and it was considered to be bad policy that Government servants should associate themselves in the management of social or communal organisations or institutions, especially where money transactions are involved. It will not only distract them from the legitimate sphere of their official duties, but may develop tendencies or habits which may conflcit with the proper discharge of their duties as public servants. They should not, therefore, as a rule, take part in the management of such institutions. But that certainly cannot stand in the way of exemptions being given in individual cases. The position of Government, therefore, is that it is not possible, nor is it necessary, in the light of what I have stated, to cancel this circular wholesale.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.— On the assurance of the Government that in proper cases exemptions will be granted, I beg leave of the House to withdraw the resolution.

Resolution was, by leave, withdrawn.

49. Provision of a suitable Rest House in Trichur.

*** Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.**—"*This Council recommends to the Government to hand back the Satram Buildings recently taken possession of by the Government to the Trichur Municipality or provide the Municipality with another suitable place for a rest house*".

This resolution comprises of two parts. One is to hand back the Sathram building to the Trichur Municipality for the

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use of the travellers and the second is to provide the Municipality with another suitable place for a guest house. I think it will be too late in the day to ask the Government now to hand back the building to the Municipality again since I find that the change has become an accomplished fact. But all the same I am sure the Government will admit the necessity of a proper rest House for the travellers who go to Trichur. There were two buildings to which they could go. One is the T. B. and the other is the Sathram building. There is only very little accommodation in the Travellers' Bangalow and only people in very high position and status could make use of that place. The Sathram building was generally used by the Indian Travellers of all castes. This place was used by the Travellers, I think, from time immemorial. But all on a sudden without even giving notice to the Municipality the Government ordered surrender of the building and took it back and handed it over to another party. It is no use to us to go into that question, whether the Government was justified in doing that or not, and I do not propose to do that. It is besides the point. But I would all the same urge upon the Government the urgent necessity of helping the Municipality to find another place. I do not think a speech is necessary. Every body knows that in a growing and important town like Trichur which attracts a large number of business men and others it is absolutely necessary and fair to provide decent accommodation for them as is done in all other places. I, therefore, commend this resolution to the acceptance of the House.

* മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. കെ. നായർ.— സർ, ഈ വൈദ്യശാല മൻപിലത്തെ സ്ഥലത്തുനിന്നു സത്രത്തിലേക്കു മാറിയതു് വളരെ ഉപകാരമായി. അതുകൊണ്ടതന്നെ അതിന്റെ ഉരിതമെല്ലാം തീൻ. ഇതിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ചു കൂടുതലായി എനിക്കൊന്നും പറയാനില്ല. എന്നാൽ സത്രത്തിനു പുതുതായി ഒരു സ്ഥലമെടുത്തു വൈദ്യശാല അങ്ങോട്ടു മാറുന്നതിൽ ഗവൺമെൻറിന്റെ ദുഷ്ടി പതിയുമെന്നു വിശ്വസിക്കുന്നു. കഴിയുമെങ്കിൽ വരുന്ന കൊല്ലത്തിൽതന്നെ അതു മാറണമെന്നാണു് ഞാൻ പറയുന്നതു്.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Sir, I do not know exactly how far it is true that the Sathram was taken without notice.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—The first part of the resolution has been withdrawn. But a statement was made that the Government without notice took the Sathram from the Municipality. The facts were that the Diwan, the Diwan Peishkar and the Chairman went round the whole of the Sathram, with a

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view to inspect the building long before it was taken and to find out whether it would be a suitable place for the Central Ayurvedic Hospital. In the Central Ayurvedic Hospital complaints were made that the accommodation was insufficient and when His Highness paid a visit to that institution His Highness was graciously pleased to record in the visitors' book the desirability of removing the Hospital to some other building. The most suitable building was the Sathram and this suggestion proceeded from me. I am willing to shoulder the entire responsibility. I put it before the Diwan. The Diwan was also impressed with the suitability of the site and the Chairman was definitely given to understand that orders will be issued to take the building. In the meantime he was given time to find out another building elsewhere. It is not correct to say that the building was wrested from the Municipality. On the question of the necessity for the notice, I may say, that the necessity is not made out by law. The Chairman of the Municipality was definitely given to understand that the Government had entertained the idea of shifting the hospital to that place. It was long after that that orders were issued.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Did you get a reply ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—He did say that he will be looking for another building. The only point was whether as a matter of fact he was told that the Government were entertaining that idea. It is only in the case of a building vested in the Municipality that a notice is absolutely necessary. The law does not require a notice in other cases. But still notice was given.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Did you give any period?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—I do not think any period was mentioned.

* **Dr. A. R. Menon.**—Sir, this Sathram has been under the control of the Municipality for more than 14 years. It is a very spacious building and various improvements have been effected by the Municipality. Within these two years we have spent somewhere about 600 to 700 rupees to make improvements. The place has become very popular and a large number of travellers used to occupy this place so much so we even made a classification. There was a clause that it was reserved for caste Hindus. We took up this matter and with the sanction of the Government we modified this clause. It may be news to this House that one of the Commissioners under the Mysore Government

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used to come and stay there for his holidays. The place is kept in such a good condition. We have made improvements and it is one of the best resting places in the whole State. Now, without giving proper notice—the Hon'ble Revenue Member says that according to the Land Revenue Manual no notice is necessary—this place was wrested from the Municipality. At first the Government made a request for a portion of the building and that portion was occupied by the loan department for some time. Why was not this Land Revenue Manual brought into operation then?

Even when taking a portion our opinion was consulted and it is only after the matter was brought to the notice of the Council—this is not a matter for the Chairman to decide—that the said portion was handed over. We had spent money. All at once you came there, occupied this place, threw away all the things and put up your notice board. There is no use doing things like that. Had I been the Chairman I would have thrown away your furniture. We have a sense of duty as you have. The Chairman must require time to consult the Council. Before we know where we are the Sathram is removed and the board 'Ayurvedic Hospital' is there. Is it not your duty to see that the travellers who come there are not put to inconvenience? I understand you are going to take the Ernakulam T. B. also. You will be very careful. You are dealing with a different type of Chairman. It would be a different sort here. The Chairman here won't walk round with you. The Chairman is not to carry out your orders. We think that the Government have treated with scant courtsey a Municipality which never asked any favour from the Government. All the improvements were done without asking for any help. Why should the Government go out of its way to create this public discontent, at least the public protest, by your hasty action. The Diwan Peishkar was dilating upon the absolute necessity of shifting the place. It is not so much the interest of the institution as the interest of the persons concerned whoever they are. There comes the difficulty. So and so wants it and we must hurry up so that he may not feel inconvenience. It could have been done much more gracefully than you have done. Now, Sir, after that what we want is, what about the money that we spent upon the building? Does the Land Revenue Manual say that the Government need not pay it?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Absolutely nothing, excepting he improvements made in the compound.

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Dr. A. R. Menon.—So the Municipality can occupy the compound?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Steps are now in progress to re-vest it.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—These fellows are responsible for creating unnecessary irritation in the minds of the people. Why do you not consider some government institutions have got some respect.

Sir, we would like to know what the attitude of the Government is in regard to compensation. Some grant at least may be given in order that we may put up a building. It is absolutely essential that a T. B. must be established within the town. In the case of the Sathram we had made a classification, the vegetarion class and the other, non-vegetarian class. It is very difficult for vegetarians to go and stay in the T. B. Those who do not take meat and flesh object to their smell. I hope and trust the Government will look into this and compensate us for our loss of respect, loss of dignity and the loss of dignity the Government themselves have sustained in this high-handed action.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. അയ്യപ്പൻ.— സർ, പള്ളിപ്പുറംമെമ്പർ അവർകൾ പ്രസംഗിച്ചപ്പോൾ മുൻസിപ്പാലിറ്റിയുടെ സ്ഥലം ഗവമ്മെൻറിലേക്ക് എടുത്തതിനു പകരം വേറെ ഒരു സ്ഥലം കൊടുക്കാൻ നിശ്ചയിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നു ഗവമ്മെൻറു പറഞ്ഞതു് ഇല്ലെന്നാണു വന്നിരിക്കുന്നതു്. അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ പ്രസംഗം കേട്ടതിനു ശേഷമാണു് അങ്ങിനെ ഒരു സ്ഥലം മുൻസിപ്പാലിറ്റിക്കു കിട്ടുകയില്ലെന്നു മനസ്സിലായതു്. മുൻസിപ്പാലിറ്റിയുടെ സ്ഥലം എടുത്തപ്പോൾ വേറെ സ്ഥലം നോക്കാമെന്നു ഗവമ്മെൻറു പറഞ്ഞിരുന്നു. മുനിസിപ്പൽ ചെയർമാനോടു സ്ഥലം നോക്കാൻ ഗവമ്മെൻറു പറഞ്ഞതിനു് അങ്ങിനെയുള്ള അർത്ഥമേയുള്ളൂ. ആ സ്ഥലം എടുത്തതിൽ ഗവമ്മെൻറിനെ കുറ്റംപറയുന്നില്ല. മഹാരാജാവു തിരുമനസ്സുകൊണ്ടു് ആശ്രുപതി സന്ദർശിച്ചപ്പോൾ സ്ഥലം പോര എന്നു മനസ്സിലാക്കി തിരുമനസ്സിലെ ആഗ്രഹം ഉടനെ നിറവേറ്റാനാണു ഗവമ്മെൻറു് സത്രസ്ഥലം എടുത്തതു്. തിരുമനസ്സിലെ ആഗ്രഹം മുട്ടുമായി നിറവേറ്റണ്ടതാണു്. പക്ഷെ അതുപോലെ ഒരു സ്ഥലം മുൻസിപ്പാലിറ്റിക്കു വേറെ വാങ്ങിച്ചു കൊടുക്കേണ്ടതായിരുന്നു. അങ്ങിനെതന്നെ ഗവമ്മെൻറു ഉദ്ദേശിച്ചിരുന്നുവെന്നാണു ഞാൻ മനസ്സിലാക്കിയതു്.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni.—Will the Hon'ble Member tell me

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whether the Municipal Chairman has found out a place and written to the Government?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—The Government are not aware.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni.—May I know when the Sathram was taken by the Government?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—I think it was in Kanni or Thulam.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni.—Is there anything on record to show that the Government had asked the Municipal Chairman to find out a suitable place for the location of the Sathram?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—I think it is in my report to the Chairman.

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—The Municipal Council has not recorded any protest against the action of Government in taking over the Sathram buildings.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Because it was not brought to our notice.

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—The Council requested Government, pending the construction of a new building, to give a grant for renting a temporary building. Upon that, orders have been passed pointing out to the Municipality that the obligation of providing travellers with rest houses within the Municipal limits is upon the municipality. Nor is there any necessity, having regard to the financial position of the Trichur Municipality, for Government to bear any portion of that expenditure.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—What was it that induced the Government to go back upon the suggestion orally made to the Municipal chairman?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—He was asked to find out another building for the municipality.

Mr. President.—Is it the duty of the Government to give every Municipality a building?

Dr. A. R. Menon.—There is an obligation on the part of the Government.

Sir, this building was occupied by the Municipality to hold its office. When the new Municipal Office building was constructed we transferred ourselves to the new building and we converted it into a Sathram. From the visitors' book it will be

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seen that the Sathram was kept in the best condition possible. People were staying there with their family. I quite understand that it is the Municipality's look out to see that good rest houses are provided for travellers. My suggestion is Government may contribute half and the Municipality may be asked to contribute the remaining half.

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. ആർ. ഇയ്യുണ്ണി.— സർ, കൊച്ചിരാജ്യത്തു നാല മുനിസിപ്പാലിറ്റികളാണുള്ളത്. അവയുടെ പണപ്പിരിവു നോക്കുന്നതായാൽ തൃശ്ശൂർ മുനിസിപ്പാലിറ്റിക്കാണു കൂടുതൽ പിരിവ്. ഗവമ്മെണ്ടിൽനിന്നു കൊല്ലത്തോറും എന്നതന്നെ പറയാം ചെറുതായ ഒരു സംഖ്യ contribution ആയി Trunk Road maintenance-നു കൊടുക്കുന്നുണ്ട്. പലതവണകളായി മേൽപറഞ്ഞ മുനിസിപ്പാലിറ്റികൾക്കു കൊടുത്തിട്ടുള്ള സംഖ്യകളും ഓരോ മുനിസിപ്പാലിറ്റി അധികാരത്തിക്കുത്തു ചിലവാക്കീട്ടുള്ള സംഖ്യകളും കൂടി നോക്കുന്നതായാൽ ഏറണാകുളത്തിനും കൊച്ചീക്കും ആയിരിക്കും വലിയ സംഖ്യകൾ ചിലവാക്കീട്ടുള്ളത്. ഏറണാകുളത്തെ ജലസംഭരണ പദ്ധതിക്കു 13 ലക്ഷം ഉറുപ്പിക ചിലവാക്കീട്ടുണ്ട്. കൊച്ചിയുടെ ശുചീകരണാഭിവൃദ്ധിക്കും റോഡുകൾ തുറക്കുന്നതിനുമായി വലിയ സംഖ്യകൾ സൌജന്യമായി കൊടുത്തിട്ടുമുണ്ട്. തൃശ്ശൂക്കാകട്ടേ താരതമ്യേന തുച്ഛമായ ഒരു തുകമാത്രമേ കൊടുത്തിട്ടുള്ളൂ. തൃശ്ശൂർ പട്ടണത്തിന്റെ വിസ്തീർണ്ണം കൊച്ചിയേക്കാൾ ഉദ്ദേശം മൂന്നിരട്ടിയും ഏറണാകുളത്തേക്കാൾ കൂടുതലും ആണ്. ജനങ്ങളും വളരെ കൂടുതൽ ഉണ്ടെന്നു പറയാതെ നിവൃത്തിയില്ല.

തൃശ്ശൂർ മുനിസിപ്പാലിറ്റിയുടെ അധീനത്തിൽ സത്രം വന്നിട്ട അനവധികാലമായി. ആ കെട്ടിടത്തിനു പലകൊല്ലങ്ങളിലായി അനവധി സംഖ്യ ചിലവു ചെയ്തിട്ടുമുണ്ട്. അതു് അന്യനാട്ടിൽ നിന്നു വരുന്ന യാത്രക്കാരും കച്ചവടക്കാരും വ്യാപാരികളും സൌകര്യമായി ഉപയോഗിച്ചും വന്നിരുന്നു. ഇപ്പോൾ ഇതാ ആ സ്ഥലം മുനിസിപ്പാലിറ്റിയുടെ അനുവാദവും സമ്മതവും കൂടാതെ ഗവമ്മെണ്ടു കൈവശപ്പെടുത്തി ആയുർവ്വേദ ഔഷധശാലയായി ഉപയോഗിച്ചു വരുന്നു. ഒരാളുടെ സ്ഥലം മറെറാരാൾക്കു വാടകക്കോ ഉപയോഗത്തിനോ കൊടുത്താൽക്കൂടി ടിയാന്റെ സമ്മതം കൂടാതെ ഉടമസ്ഥനു് അതിൽ പ്രവേശിപ്പാൻ പാടില്ലെന്നു ഏവർക്കും അറിയാവുന്നതാണു്. നാട്ടുമര്യാദ അനുസരിച്ചെങ്കിലും ഒരു കാലാവധി കൊടുത്തതിനു ശേഷം ടി സ്ഥലം കൈവശപ്പെടുത്തിയെങ്കിൽ നാട്ടുകാക്കു് ഒരു ആശ്വാസമെങ്കിലും ഉണ്ടായിരുന്നു.

കച്ചവടം വ്യാപാരം എന്നീ ആവശ്യങ്ങൾ പ്രമാണിച്ചു് അനവധി ആളുകൾ ദിനംപ്രതി തൃശ്ശൂർ പട്ടണത്തിൽ വന്നുചേരുന്നുണ്ടെന്നു് ആരും സമ്മതിക്കും. അവർക്കു താമസിക്കുന്നതിനു സൌകര്യമായ സ്ഥല

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ങ്ങും മുനിസിപ്പാലിറ്റിയിൽ നിന്ന് ഉണ്ടാക്കേണ്ടതുമാണ്. അതിനുള്ള പോംവഴി നോക്കാതെ സത്രം നിറുത്തി ആസ്പത്രിയാക്കുന്നതു ശരിയായ ഒരു ഏർപ്പാടല്ല. ഇപ്പോൾ ആയുർവ്വേദ ആസ്പത്രി സ്ഥിതിചെയ്യുന്ന സ്ഥലം അതിനു ഒരുവിധം പറ്റിയതാണെന്നാണ് എനിക്കു തോന്നുന്നതു്. സ്ഥലസൌകര്യം മതിയാകുന്നില്ലെങ്കിൽ അതിനോടു ചേർന്നു തൊട്ടുകിടക്കുന്ന സ്ഥലം എടുത്തു കൂടുതൽ സൌകര്യം ചെയ്യാവുന്നതുമാണ്. അങ്ങിനെ ചെയ്യുന്നതിനു തല്ക്കാലം നിവൃത്തിയില്ലാത്തപക്ഷം വഴിയാത്രക്കാരുടേയും മറ്റും സൌകര്യത്തിനു ഒരു സ്ഥലം വാടകക്കു് എടുത്തു കൊടുത്തിട്ടു സത്രം ആയുർവ്വേദ ആസ്പത്രിക്കു വിട്ടുകൊടുക്കുന്നതു ന്യായവും മര്യാദക്കു യോജിച്ചതും ആയിരിക്കും. മഹാരാജാവു തിരുമനസ്സുകൊണ്ടു് ഇപ്പോഴത്തെ സ്ഥലം സൌകര്യത്തിനു മതിയാകാത്തതാണെന്നു അരുളിച്ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ടെങ്കിൽ അതനുസരിച്ചു പ്രവൃത്തിക്കേണ്ടതാണ്. എന്നാൽ അതു് ഉടനെതന്നെ ചെയ്യണമെന്നു നിർബ്ബന്ധമില്ല.

Mr. President.—There was absolutely no order at all or direction of His Highness to shift the hospital to any particular building. Only when His Highness visited the hospital and found about 250 patients waiting there, he said "this seems to be a popular hospital and the accommodation is insufficient". That is naturally the thing which any visitor would say. Beyond this His Highness did not interfere at all.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warrier.—In fact, we were pressing for better accommodation for the hospital.

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. ആർ. ഇയ്യുണ്ണി.— ആശുപത്രി സത്രത്തിലേക്കു മാറ്റിയതുതന്നെ പൊതുജനങ്ങൾക്കു് എത്രമാത്രം ഉപകാരപ്രദമാണെന്നു സംശയിക്കുന്നവർ ഉണ്ടു്. അതു സ്ഥിതിചെയ്തിരുന്ന സ്ഥലംതന്നെയല്ലേ അതിനു പറ്റിയതെന്നു പലർക്കും അഭിപ്രായമുണ്ടു്. സ്ഥലസൌകര്യം വരുത്തണമെങ്കിൽ അതു ചെയ്യാതെ നിവൃത്തിയുമില്ല.

തൃശ്ശൂർ മുനിസിപ്പാലിറ്റിയുടെ കീഴിൽ യാത്രക്കാരുടെ താമസസൌകര്യത്തിനു വേണ്ടി രണ്ടു കെട്ടിടങ്ങളാണു് ഉണ്ടായിരുന്നതു്. പട്ടണത്തിന്റെ ഏതാണ്ടു തെക്കേവശത്തായിട്ടാണു് ടി. ബി. സ്ഥിതിചെയ്യുന്നതു്. അവിടെ താമസിക്കുന്നവർക്കു ദിനംപ്രതി 8ണ വാടക കൊടുക്കണമെന്നാണു തോന്നുന്നതു്. സാധാരണയായി സായിപ്പന്മാരും പടിഞ്ഞാറൻ ജീവിതരീതി സ്വീകരിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള മറ്റു മാന്യന്മാരും ആണു് അവിടെപോയി താമസിക്കുന്നതു്. സത്രത്തിലാകട്ടെ ഓരോ മുറിക്കുള്ള വാടക സ്ഥലസൌകര്യം അനുസരിച്ചു 4ണയും 2ണയും ആണു്. മിക്കവാറും അതു് ഉപയോഗിക്കുന്നതു ഹിന്ദുക്കളാണു്. സ്ഥലവാടകയുടെ ചുരുക്കത്താൽ സാധാരണക്കാർക്കു് അവിടെ താമസിക്കുന്നതിനു സാ

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ധിക്കയും ചെയ്യും. സത്രം ആയുർവ്വേദ ആസ്പത്രിക്കു കൊടുത്ത കാരണത്താൽ സാധാരണ യാത്രക്കാക്കുതന്നെ കഷ്ടപ്പാടും ബുദ്ധിമുട്ടും നേരിട്ടിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നു പറയാതെ തരമില്ല. അതുകൂടാതെ കഴിപ്പാൻ യാതൊരു പ്രയാസവുമുണ്ടായിരുന്നില്ല. 50കയോ 60കയോ വാടക കൊടുത്തു് ഈ ആവശ്യത്തിലേക്കു് ഒരു കെട്ടിടം സൌകര്യമുള്ള സ്ഥലത്തു ഗവമ്മെണ്ടിൽനിന്നു ഏർപ്പാടു ചെയ്കയോ മേൽപറഞ്ഞ സംഖ്യ മുനിസിപ്പാലിറ്റിക്കു കൊടുക്കയോ ചെയ്താൽ മതിയായിരുന്നു. അതിനുള്ള നല്ല ബുദ്ധി ഗവമ്മെണ്ടിലേക്കു തോന്നാതെ മുനിസിപ്പാലിറ്റിയുടെ കൈവശത്തിലും അധീനത്തിലും ഇരുന്നിരുന്നതും അന്യ നാട്ടുകാരായ യാത്രക്കാരുടെ താമസ സൌകര്യാർത്ഥം ഉപയോഗിച്ചു വന്നിരുന്നതുമായ സത്രം എടുത്തതു ശരിയായില്ലെന്നാണു ഞാൻ പറയുന്നതു്. അതിനുള്ള പരിഹാരം ഗവമ്മെണ്ടിൽനിന്നു് ഇനിയെങ്കിലും ചെയ്യുമെന്നു പ്രതീക്ഷിക്കുന്നു.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty.—Mr. President, Sir, I wish to place on record a word of explanation with regard to a remark made by the Hon'ble the Leader of the House. In explaining the position of the municipality the Hon'ble Leader had occasion to remark that the municipality did not raise a voice of protest against the resumption of the Satram building. I will explain the position thus: On the date when the resolution which was read out by the Hon'ble Member was passed by the municipality, there was really a voice of protest raised, but the Chairman explained the situation. He said that he had a personal interview with the Diwan, and after explaining the matter the Diwan had personally promised him that the Government would either give a new building to the municipality or would give at least a grant of Rs. 40 per mensem for conducting the Sathram under the municipality. It was under these circumstances that the municipality did not raise a voice of protest as such a voice of protest would only make matters worse. At any rate things have already taken place and all of us knew that the accommodation for the Ayurvedic Hospital was very meagre. Then we thought that the better procedure was to make a request to Government to give us a new building. That was the circumstance under which that resolution was passed. Applying the principle of Estoppel, the Government should not go back upon their own words and now say that they asked the Chairman to go out and seek a building for himself, not at the cost of the Government but at the cost of the municipality itself. Such a direction was needless under the circumstances, if the Government had no idea of giving any grant from the public coffers.

Another point which I wish to bring to the notice of the

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House is that if at all the Government is going to give a new building to the Municipality, which I doubt, let them give a Sathram which will give accommadation to all people without any distinction of caste, creed or colour. We had occasion to protest against certain actions of the municipality in such matters. I was concerned with the protest against the resolution of the municipality giving a certain tank to the caste Hindus alone. Such catastrophes should not occur in future, so that if a new building is to be put up, or any grant is to be given in future for the Sathram building, it should be done on a distinct understanding like this. With these words, I support the resolution.

Mr. M. V. Cherian.—Sir, now the question before us is whether any grant or subsidy should be given to the Trichur Municipality for providing a Sathram. We are aware that there is a first class T. B. in Trichur. Now, what I want to bring to the notice of this House is that in Mattanchery where there are an equal number of commercial visitors coming often, there is neither a T. B. nor a Sathram and it is a place known to be unhealthy. There is no sufficient accommodations either in a hotel or any other lodging house and therefore before the Government gives any grant or contribution to the Trichur Municipality which is one of the biggest municipalities, Government should take into consideration the necessity of supplying Mattancheri with a proper T. B. or Sathram. We do not want both at present; we may be given at least one and then it will be time for Government to consider regarding a Sathram to Trichur. Now, we have been clamouring for public institutions and the Hon'ble Members of this House will understand that even though from Mattanchery the major portion of the tax is collected in the shape of incometax, I would say no amenities are given to Mattancheri. The Hon'ble Member for Trichur was saying that the Ernakulam Municipality and the Mattancheri municipality are given big contributions. I do not know in what sense. Any way Mattanchery has not been given anything. So my submission is that preference may be given to Mattanchery before providing a Sathram for Trichur.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—The question of providing facilities in the matter of assumption of the Sathram, or the question of giving compensation for the improvements that are in the Sathram compound, or the question of subsidies being granted to the Mattancheri Municipality or the Ernakulam Municipality or the case of providing facilities to the Mattancheri Municipality are all beside the point that is placed before this House.

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Sir, there are two propositions contained in the resolution: One is a request that the Sathram buildings may be given back to the Municipality and the other is, if it is not possible so to do, another suitable place may be given by Government to have the Sathram housed. The Hon'ble Mover himself has submitted the impracticability of the first part of the proposition, and hence has thought it proper to press only the second part. Therefore, we are only on the question of the desirability or otherwise of giving a Sathram for the Trichur Municipality. It has been stated from the Government side that it is not the duty of the Government to provide a Municipality with a Sathram. That may probably be the position having regard to the fact that it was a quasi-Government building or even completely Government building that was placed at the hands of the Municipality for a long number of years allowing them to improve the building, allowing them to improve the compound, allowing them to make all sorts of improvements in the place and enjoying it as their own property. In such a state of affairs, also considering the importance of Trichur and the large number of persons that go to Trichur on various businesses and also considering the want of proper housing accommodation for all these persons who flock the place, except the solitary T. B. there, considering all these things I do think that it is up to the Government not to consider the whole matter from strictly legal stand-points but also consider it from the stand-point of all that has taken place before and be willing enough, be condescending enough, to give a suitable Sathram to the Trichur Municipality. That proposition may be kindly considered by Government. If I have understood the position of the Government aright—a position which Government did take in the original instance—I believe it was the intention of the Government to give, if not the whole cost of a proper Sathram for the Trichur Municipality, at least to contribute towards it, they have to help the Municipality at any rate. The very fact that the Diwan Peishkar, when he went round the Sathram buildings along with the Diwan and the Municipal Chairman, asked the Municipal Chairman, as the Diwan Peishkar just now stated, to look out for another building suggests that as the Government wanted to take up the Sathram Government was willing enough to give some other place instead or help them to house persons who go to Trichur. There is no going behind or retreating. I would request the Government to give what the people were made to understand from the suggestions given out by the Revenue Member to the Municipal Chairman.

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Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty.—On a point of information. Were the Government paying any rent for the Vaidyasala building?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Yes. It was a rented building.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon.— Mr. President, Sir, as this is a matter which relates to the Trichur Municipality, I think I will be failing in my duty if, sitting here as a Member representing Ernakulam, I did not take this opportunity to condemn in unequivocal terms the spirit of the argument which was evinced by the Hon'ble Member for Trichur. When we are asking for a Government contribution the question before the Government should not be whether the Ernakulam Municipality has been given or whether the Mattanchery Municipality has been given, or whether the Government would be creating a new Municipality in order to give contribution to that Municipality and I feel sure that none of the Members of this House will deal with a question of this nature in such a spirit. Most probably, it may be due to a feeling in my learned friend's heart (the Member for Trichur) that the Trichur Municipality has not been given handsome contributions for which they did not apply or because they did not stand in need of it. One thing has clearly emerged from the discussion, that Trichur is in need of a Sathram building and for that the Municipality is financially not in a position to find funds. But I do not see any reason why for these months the Municipality has refrained from providing a rented house for a Sathram. The learned Secretary to Government stated in the course of the reply that the financial position of the Trichur Municipality does not justify a contribution being made. But I say it is not really the financial aspect alone that should determine that question. There is absolutely, I believe, no difference between the Government and the Municipality. I would take it that the Municipalities are only the off-springs of Government whose functions and interests are identical. Municipalities are only shouldering what the Government have otherwise to do. If a request comes from a Municipality which is financially sound it would be an act of good grace on the part of Government to give the contribution, as a token of the appreciation of the request made and in order to show also that there is absolutely no divergence of interest between the Municipality and Government. Whenever matters of contribution are discussed, if the Government seems to think that the entire costs of that work should come out of the pockets of the Municipality itself, then it is always a matter

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where people may be led astray to think that this is really a Municipal concern and there is something like a Municipal concern. If Government makes a gesture of giving a contribution to such original works as this, it will only promote a good feeling of amity, and co-operation between the several rate-payers of the Municipality as well as of the Government, and this is not a matter which is going to jeopardise the Government Treasury. Therefore, even if the Trichur Municipality may be financially sound, I would humbly request Government to pay a decent contribution for putting up a Sathram building, the remainder of course to be found by the Trichur Municipality.

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—I have nothing more to add to what I have already stated. This is one of the duties which Government have delegated to the Municipality. And the funds of the Trichur Municipality are not so poor as to require any contribution from Government.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—On a point of information. Is it the contention of the learned gentleman that we ought to be spend-thrifts and squander away funds?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—If you consider it as an absolute necessity, you have got funds to meet it. If the Municipality has got sufficient funds, there is absolutely no necessity for Government to pay for discharing obligations which it is the primary duty of the Municipality to discharge.

***Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.**—I shall be brief in my reply. Two points have been raised by the Hon'ble Secretary. One is that there is no obligation on the part of the Government to provide rest houses for the Municipalities. My submission is that it is a broad question and it is up to all the Hon'ble Members here to tell the Government that this is one of the most important things where the Government has also a function, has an obligation to help the Municipality to provide rest houses for the public who resort to that place. As regards the other question that the Municipality has enough of funds, my submission is that the Municipality has very many big schemes at its disposal that it is even asking the Government for a loan to complete its market. Its financial position is not so sound as it is sought to be made out for the purpose of this argument alone. Government, I am sure, has even used the financial position for another purpose saying that it is not in a sound

* Speech not corrected by the Hon'ble Member.

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position. But whatever that is, my position primarily is that the Government has an obligation to help the Municipality for getting a rest house for the public. The only Hon'ble Member who opposed me—the Member for Mattancherri—I may tell him he will certainly agree with me in supporting me on the first proposition that the Government has an obligation on their part. In that case alone you will get a Sathram or T. B. which you have not got. I request him not to follow a dog in the manger policy which he seems to have. Have we not helped you in getting water supply? Have we raised any voice of protest against your getting water-supply? Did we stand in your way for having a high school? As the Hon'ble Member for Ernakulam said, we must look at this question from a different angle of vision. I, therefore, request all the members to unanimously support this resolution. Because there is no use to press the first part, I press only the second part.

The Resolution that "This Council recommends to the Government to provide the Municipality of Trichur with another suitable place for a rest house" was put and carried.

Mr. President.—The House now stood adjourned sine die.

The House stood apjourned at 4-50 p. m.

B. V. KRISHNANKUTTY MENON,

Secretary to the Council.

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